

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Please amend the paragraph on page 3, lines 13 to 16 by rewriting the same to the following:

--This invention has been made in view of actual circumstances as described above and its object is to provide a picture providing apparatus and a providing method therefor, and a picture processing apparatus and a ~~precessing~~ processing method therefor which can obtain picture image of high resolution without producing distortion.--

Please amend the paragraph on page 23, lines 5 to 7 by rewriting the same to the following:

--In this case, predictive coefficient  $w_i$  for determining predictive value  $E[y]$  close to pixel value  $y$  of distortion-free picture image can be determined by minimizing ~~sqare~~ square error as described below.--